



International Students/Factsheet 2024-2025

University	
Name	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina
Location	Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Campus	UCA has the most modern urban campus in Argentina, made up of four impressive buildings, the first of which opened in 1996. There are five computer labs with full Internet access for the students, four university cafeterias, and a beautiful esplanade along the River Plate. The facilities also include a church, four multimedia auditoriums, banking and ATM services, health center, Xerox machines, a comfortable open-shelf library and Argentina's best on campus TV and Radio studios. All the buildings are connected by an underground tunnel.
Schools & Departments	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Advertisement, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature, Music, Theology, Human Resources, Nutrition, Nursing School and Medicine. The International Office also offers the Latin-American Studies Program (PEL), with courses taught in English and in Spanish focused on Latin America topics.
Academic Calendar 2024/2025	
SPRING 2024 (March– July)	Pre-Semester: February 28 to March 06, 2024 Mandatory orientation: March 07 & 08, 2024 Courses: March 11 – June 28, 2024 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
FALL 2024 (August– December)	Pre-Semester: July 24 to July 31, 2024 Mandatory orientation: August 01 & 02, 2024 Courses: August 05– November 29, 2024 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
SPRING 2025 (March– July)	Pre-Semester: February 26 to March 05, 2025 Mandatory orientation: March 06 & 07, 2025 Courses: March 10– June 27, 2025 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Orientation	The International Office offers " Orientation & Registration Sessions ", where information about Argentina, living in Buenos Aires, Studying at UCA, courses, registration sessions, etc. is given to exchange students. Attending the Orientation is mandatory .
Application Procedure	
Dates	Nomination deadline: Spring= November 15 th / Fall= May 15 th Submit all documentation by: November 15 th / May 15 th
Admission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a regular student at home university • Have completed at least 2 school years (4 semesters) • Be in good academic standing • Advanced Spanish Language Level (if courses with locals)
Nomination & Application (online/University)	The University should complete the online form: Spring 2024 Fall 2024 Spring 2025
Required Documents (online/University)	The University should send via email the following documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's photo (JPG or PNG) • Passport Copy • Academic Transcript • Statement of Purpose (in Spanish) • Recommendation letter from Professor/Advisor (in Spanish OR English) <p>*IMPORTANT: Send all above docs in ONE single file to applications@uca.edu.ar (ej. JONES.pdf)</p>
Free Movers (online/Student)	Apart from the above required documents, you should provide a letter from your Institution (International Relations Office), that accepts your semester abroad at UCA and will transfer its credits.

Other Requirements	
Spanish Language Requirements	Most courses are taught in Spanish, so all candidates are required a B2-Spanish language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. As a result, the Spanish Placement exam from UCA is mandatory to ALL exchange students and it has NO COST. Students will receive an email after the nomination deadline is due. Students can also register in a full intensive four-weeks Spanish course during February or July (a cost of \$900 dollars).
UCA/PEL Pre semester introductory course	One week before Orientation Days, UCA organizes a PRE-SEMESTER to introduce new students to the City of Buenos Aires, local culture, and traditions. Students registered in this course can complete a cultural project and obtain 1 credit hour. The course has a \$250 dollars flat fee (to be paid onsite).
Courses	
Programs	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Advertisement, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature, Music, Theology; Latin-American Program (PEL).
Full Time Status	To be considered a full-time international student, UCA requires students to take a minimum of 12 class hours per week (an equivalent to 12 credits).
Credit System	*1 (one) UCA credit= 1 class contact hour per week (1 class hour=45 minutes) *Exchange students encouraged to take at least one course with locals. *Each UCA semester is 16 weeks, except for the School of Economics and Social Sciences with 17 weeks.
Courses in English	The Latin American Studies Program (PEL) offers courses taught in English, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Development Economics € Argentina in the World Today € Perspectives on the Middle East € Creativity and Business € Communication and creativity
Course Requirements	For a student to pass the courses, he/she should complete these requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 75% minimum class attendance ● Pass grade on Midterms, Papers, and course forms of assessment ● Pass grade on Final Exam
Transcripts	Transcripts of academic records will be sent to the student home university approximately one month after the end of classes.
Additional Information	
Student VISA (mandatory)	Students are required to obtain a Student Visa at the Consular Office in their home country. Necessary documentation will be sent in June for Fall students and December for Spring students. It is mandatory to obtain your student VISA. Contact your closest Consular Office for further information.
Housing	UCA does not provide housing on campus. UCA has no agreements with Housing Providers or Students 'Houses. Each student should seek its own housing option. We recommend students to book a hostel for the first weeks and rent their housing after being onsite.
Health Insurance (mandatory)	International and exchange students must bring medical insurance from their home countries or hire a local medical coverage. This is a mandatory requirement at UCA. We recommend students to make sure that this Insurance covers emergency hospitalization, general check-ups with a doctor and repatriation as well. Students will need to provide us with a copy of the health insurance before the course registration. Further COVID-19 requirements will apply.
PAL Program (optional)	A PAL is an UCA student who volunteers as a helper to be the person of contact or reference of a foreign student during the exchange experience in Buenos Aires
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